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1. The 29th Artillery Regiment in Arad, Rumania is motorized with 12 SIS-151 trucks commanded by Col Florea Albu. The former commander has been called to the General Staff. The four batteries of the 1st and 2nd Sections have been filled with replacement troops and made into a third section, so that the regiment now consists of three sections of three batteries each. The strength is about 600 men.

2. [redacted] the 7th Tank Regiment [redacted] is now located at Sanandrei, about 14 km north of Timisoara.

3. Work till in progress on the barracks at Aradul Nou, and no troops have moved in.

4. The 5th Rumanian Border Guard Brigade, strength about three thousand men, is located in a barracks 1800 m north of Siria. The Brigade is composed of three regiments of three battalions each, each battalion having three companies of five platoons each. The regiments of this brigade are the 6th, 10th and 16th. The Commander is Maj Gen Tache Dragomirescu.

5. The 6th Border Guard Regiment, not motorized, strength about one thousand men, is commanded by Col Eugen Lemnaru. The Adjutant is Major Vasile I Cristescu. Each company has 10 Simonov auto-rifles and 32 M-40 machine pistols. They wear shoulder boards decorated in green.

6. The 10th Border Guard Regiment, strength about one thousand men, is commanded by Col Marin Seicaru. The Adjutant is Capt Ion Dobrescu. Each company has three ZB-38 light machine guns and 24 Simonov auto-rifles. They wear shoulder boards decorated in green.

7. The barracks complex at Simand was completed in May 1953, and is now occupied by the semi-military unit Labor Section ZI 4/Z. This unit is about 800 men strong, and is made up of building workers not trained with weapons. The members belong to older classes, born 1915 to 1925, and to the German, Jewish, Turkish and Serbian groups. The barracks complex holds 120 barracks buildings. At present, the labor section is working on such interior furnishings of the barracks as beds, tables, benches, etc. The project is intended for a major troop exercise area. Collective and individual farms in the area have been advised to let their fields lie fallow after the current harvest throughout an area of 1500 hectares.

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